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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

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SUBJECT: Energy Intelligence Review 1978 (U)

1. (S) For your information--on the basis of a very preliminary review of the interviews, certain points surface with some consistency:

- Energy Intelligence (EI) is unique and multidisciplinary.
- Community resources devoted to EI and the division of labor pertinent to it are not known.
- Present EI situation in the Community is unorganized to the point of being chaotic.
- No priorities for EI have emerged from DoE. Most EI is done ad hoc.
- A data base storage system for EI is a must--preferably, one useful and accessible to the Community at large.
- A more prominent focal point for EI in the Community is needed.
- Among various ideas put forward for an EI coordinating mechanism, most often cited by interviewees was an NIO for Energy (NIO/E). Most believed an NIO/E is needed now--with a certain level of autonomy to be effective.
- To assure objectivity and Community involvement, an Interagency Intelligence Working Group for Energy (IIWG/E) is required to assist an NIO/E.
- EI is much broader, more encompassing, more complex than nuclear proliferation intelligence (NPI). If NPI needs an NIO, then so much more is one needed for EI.

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- Mixed views among both users and producers on needs for current versus mid- and longer term EI. Lack of priority identification often mentioned in this connection.

- Some interviewees worried about too many working groups. A new coordinating mechanism or management system could provide uniformity and reduce ad hocness.

- Most interviewees did not receive NFAC's International Energy Biweekly Review (IEBR). Those who did found it interesting but remarked that the logic for the topics treated in the publication is not clear. How and why were articles selected? What inferences, if any, can be drawn from this selection?

- Energy concerns will dominate international relationships in the near- and mid-term. Energy is very closely tied to U.S. national security.

- EI is of great strategic importance to the US. However, the right questions are not being asked--probably because right questions are not known and won't be until DoE "gets its act together."

2. (U) These points have not yet been weighed against the data call information on hand. Statistical input relating to manpower, budget, external contract, and production factors has been sorted but not analyzed.

3. (C) All formally requested data for the review has been received save NFAC. The CTS response to the data call, received 6 November 1978, is inadequate; it contains no useful information. The data on hand, while useful in and of itself for various reasons and for analytical purposes, is insufficient to meet fully the expressed purposes of the review; at best a report based upon it would be incomplete, at worst, misleading. The situation is much like a spoked wheel without a hub.

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